NTC mills closed in Tamil Nadu

323. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile mills under NTC/subsidiaries of NTC closed down in Tamil Nadu so far;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether the Governmment have plans for reviving some closed/sick mills in the country; and

(d) if so, the mills proposed to be revived in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Out of the 13 NTC mills in Tamil Nadu,5 chronically sick mills, namely; Balaramvarma, Krishnaveni, Om Parasakthi, Somasundaram and Kaleeswara 'A' mills found to be unviable as per the Techno Economic Viability Study done by the South India Textile Research Association (SITRA), have been closed after giving VRS to the affected employees.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to modernize the mills found to be potentially viable, subject to availability of funds from sales of surplus assets. The following 6 mills are taken up for modernization in the 1st phase:-

1. Cambodia Mills
2. Coimbatore Murugan Mills
3. Pankaja Mills
4. Pioneer Spinner Mills
5. Sri Rangavilas S and W Mills
6. Kaleeswar Mills 'B' Unit

Revival of sick mills

324. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick textile mills at present and the number of them referred to BIFR;

(b) whether Government propose to revive these mills via joint venture;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the industry has seen a flurry of Merge and Acquisition (M&A) activities and if so the details thereof; and

(e) the package which Government propose to invest to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) As on 31.05.2005, 820 textile cases were registered with Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) of which 44 cases have been declared no longer sick by the Board. As such the number of sick textile mills at present may be treated to be 776.

(b) Government has received no such proposal.

(c) Does not apply.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) For the revival of sick mills including the sick textile mills the Government has set up BIFR under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive ameliorative and remedial and other measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. BIFR appoints operating agencies for preparation of rehabilitaion proposals in respect of potentially viable units. The decision on rehabilitation is taken by BIFR based on its findings. Except for this arrangement Government has no package to revive the sick textile mills.

Textile exports

325. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian textile exports could not come up to expectations during the first six months of the quota free world regime;

(b) whether India remained a poor second with China far ahead;

(c) the comparative export figures of India, China and other textile exporting countries during the first two quarters of 2005 and the corresponding figures for 2004 and 2003; and

(d) what special steps were taken by Government to promote India's textile exports in the quota free export regime?